

10 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, D/A, D/I, D/M, D/S, D/GO, D/GL, St/FM, St/CS.  
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR  
SUBJECT : ORR Contribution to the OCI Periodic Requirements  
List (PRL) for the Far East Covering the Period  
1 February 1959 - 31 May 1959.

1. Contributions are requested from your Division or Staff for the next issue of the Far East PRL.

2. The Periodic Requirements Lists for major geographic areas are revised every four months and are intended to provide guidance for reporting officers on those aspects of current events having intelligence significance. The list should not contain basic or continuing requirements even though these may represent current gaps. It should contain only those requirements which bear a direct relationship to current events and which could conceivably be answered within a four month reporting period. Occasionally current international situations may indicate that PRL items should be retained for an additional four month period. However, it is necessary to indicate the special circumstances justifying their retention.

3. Examples of the type of requirements appropriate for inclusion in the PRL are those related to the geographic or economic aspects of:

- a. Recently promulgated decrees of Bloc governments;
- b. Recent reports of intra-bloc delegation visits;
- c. Recent reports of new Communist Chinese credits;
- d. Recent reports of new industrial exhibits or projects or development of new raw material resources.

4. Examples of requirements which have been included in the past because of the somewhat lenient editorial policies of OCI but which would not be acceptable in the future are:

- a. Report current data on oil reserves, production schedules, and construction within the petroleum industry.
- b. Report new construction of the Manchurian rail net.
- c. Give current production data of chrome ore in Albania.

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As they stand, the above requirements will not meet the purposes of the PRL. However, if they could be shown to be related to some current event or new reporting and could be made sufficiently specific, they might fulfill this purpose.

5. Recent contributions of ORR analysts have generally reflected these policies and branches are urged to continue submitting only those requirements which meet the criteria outlined above.

6. ORR contributions to the next PRL issue on the Far East should be directed to this staff, Attention: [REDACTED] extension 521, and should be received no later than close of business, Monday, 29 December 1958. Since this deadline is based on a firm production schedule planned by OCI no exceptions or extensions can be granted by this Office.

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Intelligence Information Staff

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